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| | <i>Filing Date</i> | 31 May 2000 |
| | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Mervyn J. FREDERICK |
| | <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 1616 |
| | <i>Examiner Name</i> | R.M. DeWitty |
| | <i>Attorney Docket No.</i> | 2355-118 |
| <i>Title of the Invention:</i> A PACKAGE FOR A VAGINAL RING | | |

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed 6 May 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.